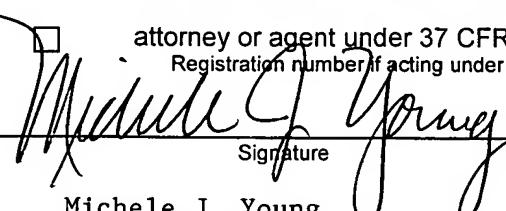
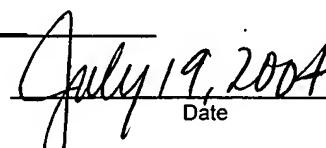


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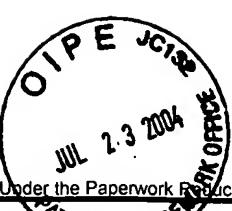
| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number (Optional) 02606 |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| Application Number 10/049,578 | | Filed February 13, 2002 |
| For APPLICATOR FOR SURGICAL CLIPS | | |
| Art Unit 3731 | Examiner Roberts, Paul A. | |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. | | |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): | | |
| | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$110 | \$55 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$950 | \$475 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2010 | \$1005 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | |
| - A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>43,299</u> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____ | | |
|  Signature | |  Date |
| Michele J. Young Typed or printed name | | 401-421-3141 Telephone Number |

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FEES TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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| Filing Date | February 13, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | SADLER, Kenneth George et al. |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | |
| 1001 750 | 2001 375 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 330 | 2002 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 520 | 2003 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 750 | 2004 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| | | | - 3** = | X | = |
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| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | |
| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 84 | 2201 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 280 | 2203 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 84 | 2204 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) | | |

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------|---------------|--|----------|
| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 410 | 2252 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 930 | 2253 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,450 | 2254 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 1,970 | 2255 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 320 | 2401 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 320 | 2402 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 280 | 2403 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,300 | 2453 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 1,300 | 2501 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 470 | 2502 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 630 | 2503 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 750 | 2809 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 750 | 2810 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 750 | 2801 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 900 | 1802 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 950.00)

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| Name (Print/Type) | Michele J. Young | Registration No. Attorney/Agent | 43,299 | Telephone | 401.421.3141 |
| Signature | <i>Michele J. Young</i> | | | Date | 07/19/04 |

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